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MOSCOW

1051, OCTOBER 23, 11 PM

PRIORITY

TWO EMBASSY WIVES TOURING SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA WHO HAD LEFT MOSCOW OCTOBER 18 WITH STOPS AT TASHKENT, SAMARKAND, BUKHARA TOLD BY INTOURIST OCTOBER 23 IN BUKHARA THEY MUST RETURN MOSCOW OCTOBER 24. INTOURIST GAVE NO REASON. RETURN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 25; HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES ON TRIP.

WIVES CALLED EMBASSY FROM BUKHARA 8:30 PM MOSCOW (10:30 P.M. BUKHARA) TIME OCTOBER 23 AND WERE ADVISED TO RETURN ACCORDING INTOURIST ARRANGEMENT.

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